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Re: Microsoft

To Whom It May Concern:

The federal government won the case and then just "pissed" it away in the last couple of months.

Microsoft is a true monopoly. The company is a reflection of its corporate officers. There are no morals, ethics, integrity, or sense of fair play. Those boys and girls reflect the motto, "He who dies with the most toys wins."

Windows' source code needs to be in the public arena. Microsoft is entitled to payment for the source code each time it is used, but their products cannot have secret "hooks" into Windows that no other company has. It needs to run Java, too.

Management of Microsoft has nothing but contempt for the rule of law. They have abused the first court case a number of years ago. You can be darn certain they will abuse this decision.

I think Windows, NT, and Internet Explorer need to be broken off into a separate entity with a strong master overseeing every move they make. Again the leadership of Microsoft is totally and irrefutably unscrupulous. They are the Mafia of the software industry. Would you trust the Mafia?

Sincerely,

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CC: Bob Williams at EFF